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Having a Baby Shower for Gateway Pregnancy Center

Who benefits?

1. Gateway – obviously
2. The women we serve
3. The ladies who attend
 - a. They get to hear about the ministry
 - b. They are encouraged to do something tangible for the women Gateway serves
 - c. They realize the importance of one person in ‘doing ministry’

When is the best date and time?

You choose – it depends on the availability of your church group

Who to invite?

All ladies in the church – teens included!

Should the gifts be wrapped?

It's easier for us at Gateway if they were not wrapped, but some have pre-wrapped them and opened them at the shower

Should you invite a speaker from Gateway?

Absolutely! We've attended many showers and it's fun for all.

What gifts can be donated:

Baby wipes Diaper rash cream
Tee shirts and baby sleepers (sizes up to 18 months)
Baby bath towels and wash cloths Crib sheets Bibs
Baby shampoo Crib blankets Receiving blankets Bottles
Small diaper bags Crib comforter set Baby monitor Diapers
Teething rings Infant car seats Porta-cribs
Cribs with or without a crib mattress

*Source of the above list and thanks to: <http://www.aim4.com/kvcpc/>
The Kiski Valley CPC in Vandergrift, PA*

What items to avoid:

- Used items
- Baby furniture other than what's listed above
- Toys
- Baby shoes

What does a sample program look like?

- Open in prayer and a word of Scripture
- Grab food or snacks
- Open gifts
- Hear from the Gateway speaker – about 10 minutes on how these gifts make a difference in real lives
- Present the gifts

The Gateway representative can take the gifts with him/her; if you decide against having the speaker, a Gateway volunteer associated with your church can bring the gifts to Irvington, where they are stored and distributed to the Elizabeth office as well. Our Elizabeth facility is smaller, so most of the storage at our Irvington site.